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Lorraine Edmo currently serves as Deputy Director for Tribal Affairs in the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). In this capacity, she supports the Director in all matters relating to the Safety of Indian Women, pursuant to Title IX of the Violence Against Women Act of 2005 (VAWA 2005). She directs OVW's Tribal unit that manages the Grants to Tribal Governments Program and the Tribal Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Coalitions Program. The Tribal Deputy Director position is statutorily required and created under Title IX of the VAWA 2005.

Ms. Edmo joined OVW in November 2006 with more than 30 years' experience working on behalf of American Indian and Alaska Native people at the regional and national level. Ms. Edmo's federal career includes positions at the U.S. Department of Interior where she directed the National Fund for Excellence in American Indian Education; the U.S. Department of Education where she worked on implementing Executive Order 13096 on American Indian and Alaska Native Education; and the U.S. Department of Health Services where she managed grants for the Administration for Native Americans.

Prior to her federal service, Ms. Edmo directed two national non-profit Indian organizations, including the American Indian Graduate Center in Albuquerque, NM and the National Indian Education Association in Alexandria, VA. She served on numerous boards and commissions working for the betterment of Indian people, and, in 1992, was named Outstanding Alumnus by the University of New Mexico's Public Administration Department. She began her career as editor of her tribe's newspaper and founded the currently published *Sho-Ban News*.

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